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In Re: U.S. Patent Application of GRAVES, Alan F.  
App. No.: 09/648,767 Art Unit: 2633  
Filed: August 28, 2000 Examiner: Payne, David C.  
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND SIGNAL FOR CARRYING OVERHEAD  
INFORMATION IN A TRANSPORT NETWORK EMPLOYING  
PHOTONIC SWITCHING NODES

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2004, please re-examine the application in view of the remarks provided.